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AMBASSADOR GATES HAS LEARNED THAT NEW YORK TIMES MILITARY EDITOR DREW MIDDLETON PLANS TO ARRIVE IN CHINA OCTOBER 26 AS THE GUEST OF THE PLA. MIDDLETON TOLD GATES THAT THE INVITATION CAME THROUGH THE CHINESE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UN MILITARY STAFF COMMITTEE, WHOM MIDDLETON HAS BEEN SEEING FOR SEVERAL YEARS. MIDDLETON EXPECTS TO TOUR MILITARY INSTALLATIONS IN NORTHEAST AND PERHAPS NORTHWEST CHINA, NAVAL INSTALLATIONS AND TRAINING FACILITIES. AS FAR AS THE DEPT IS AWARE, MIDDLETON WILL BE THE FIRST AMERICAN TO BE HOSTED BY THE PLA.
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